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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/30/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-7 and 9-10, drawn to the systematic and scientific analysis of data categories to assign values used in developing strategies, classified in class 705, subclass 7.
 - II. Claim 8, drawn to processing marketing data and assigned values to forecast future performance, classified in class 705, subclass 10.
 - III. Claims 11-14, drawn to collecting and storing relevant data for analysis and generating reports to develop strategies, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
 - IV. Claim 15, drawn to the systematic and scientific analysis of data categories to assign values used in developing strategies, classified in class 705, subclass 7.
 - V. Claims 16-17, drawn to collecting and storing relevant data for analysis and generating reports to develop strategies, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

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- VI. Claim 18, drawn to collecting and storing relevant data for analysis and generating reports to develop strategies, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- VII. Claim 19, drawn to collecting and storing relevant data for analysis and generating reports to develop strategies, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- VIII. Claims 20-27, drawn to establishing evaluation metrics for analysis, classified in class 705, subclass 7.

2. Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)).

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group II has separate utility such as analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions

about anticipated future performance. The subcombination does not require a system that creates a plurality of contact relationship categories.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. Inventions I and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group III has separate utility such as not requiring the specific data as required in Group I and providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Inventions I and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group IV has separate utility such as selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Inventions I and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. Inventions I and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

7. Inventions I and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

8. Inventions I and VIII are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination requires the creation of a plurality of contact relationship categories, assigning a value to each category and determining the value of each category, as required by the combination in Group I. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. The subcombination does not require the particulars of the combination and constitutes a specific instance of the steps of assigning and determining values to contact relationship categories as set forth in the combination.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

9. Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group II has separate utility such as analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions about anticipated future performance. The subcombination of Group III has separate utility such as not requiring the specific data as required in Group II and providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

10. Inventions II and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group II has separate utility such as analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions about anticipated future performance. The subcombination of Group IV has separate utility such as not requiring the specific data as required in Group II and selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

11. Inventions II and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group II has separate utility such as analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions about anticipated future performance. The subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

12. Inventions II and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group II has separate utility such as analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions about anticipated future performance. The subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

13. Inventions II and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in

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scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group II has separate utility such as analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions about anticipated future performance. The subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

14. Inventions II and VIII are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination of Group II has separate utility such as

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analyzing values assigned to contact relationships interactions and comparing past performance with assumptions about anticipated future performance. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. The subcombination does not require the particulars of the combination and constitutes a specific instance of the steps of assigning and determining values to contact relationship categories as set forth in the combination.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

15. Inventions III and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group III has separate utility such as providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. The subcombination

of Group IV has separate utility such as selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

16. Inventions III and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group III has separate utility such as providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. The subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

17. Inventions III and VI are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the combination of Group III has separate utility such as providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. The subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. The subcombination of Group VI requires the browser and server subsystems for storing information, which is not required in the combination of Group III.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

18. Inventions III and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group III has separate utility such as providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. The subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

19. Inventions III and VIII are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination of Group III has separate utility such as providing an infrastructure (database) to store and collect relevant data and generate reports from data retrieved in response to an inquiry. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. The subcombination does not require the particulars of the combination and constitutes a specific instance of the steps of storing relevant data and generating reports to facilitate improvement by front office management as set forth in the combination.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

20. Inventions IV and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group IV has utility such as selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. The subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

21. Inventions IV and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group IV has utility such as selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. The subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

22. Inventions IV and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group IV has utility such as selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. The subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

23. Inventions IV and VIII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not

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overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group IV has utility such as selecting business categories and its appropriate description, and generating an indication of the current condition of the business. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

24. Inventions V and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate

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reports. The subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

25. Inventions V and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate reports. The subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means

to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

26. Inventions V and VIII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group V has separate utility such as providing contact information and information regarding interactions with said contact for storage into a database to assign values to interactions and generate reports. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

27. Inventions VI and VII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. The subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. In a combined system, the subcombination of Group VI would provide the "front" end, and the subcombination of Group VII would provide the "back" end computer logic to perform tasks. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

28. Inventions VI and VIII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, the subcombination of Group VI has separate utility such as browser and server subsystems coupled to a computing system configured to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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29. Inventions VII and VIII are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, subcombination of Group VII has separate utility such as computer executable code segments to set up a relational database, establish a means to assess the current condition of a business, collect and store relevant data for retrieval in response to inquiry and generate reports. The subcombination of Group VIII has separate utility such as tracking contact relationships, and quantifying contact interactions, front office strategy, and relationship performance. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

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Conclusion

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